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TAGS: PFOR, PGOV, PINS, VE, US
SUBJECT: US/GOV LEGAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT ON BOEING

REF.: STATE 91141

1. AMBASSADOR SPOKE TO MINISTER JUSTICE AFTERNOON
APRIL 26 AND EXPLAINED USG IS NOW PREPARED TO GO AHEAD
WITH SIGNATURE OF TEXT BASED ON SPANISH AGREEMENT (WITHOUT
ANNEX) AS MODIFIED BY DISCUSSIONS WITH GOV TEAM IN
WASHINGTON. AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED THAT US IS PREPARED TO
PROCEED WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT, WITH RESPECT TO
CONFIDENTIALITY AND RECIPROCITY, "AGENCIES HAVING LAW
ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES" REFERRED TO ARTICLE 4 IN-
CLUDE INVESTIGATING MAGISTRATES.

2. MINISTER JUSTICE STATED THAT ALTHOUGH JUDICIARY IS
INDEPENDENT IN VENEZUELA, CONFIDENTIALITY "COULD BE
ARRANGED" AND GAVE HIS WORD THAT IT WOULD BE OBSERVED
IN PRACTICE. HE ALSO AGREED TO RECIPROCITY BY MAGISTRATES,
SAYING THIS ALSO COULD BE ARRANGED.

3. MINISTER JUSTICE STATED THAT PRESIDENT PEREZ
IS EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN HAVING THIS AGREEMENT SIGNED
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AND THE INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE SEC BY THE TIME HE
RETURNS FROM HIS MIDDLE EASTERN TRIP ON MAY 4. ACCORDING
TO THE MINISTER, PRESIDENT WANTED HIM TO TRAVEL PERSONALLY
TO WASHINGTON TO INDICATE DEGREE OF GOV INTEREST.

4. MINISTER RELIEVED TO LEARN VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR
COULD SIGN AGREEMENT FOR GOV, AND STATED HE WOULD ASK THE

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS TO SO AUTHORIZE AMBASSADOR THAT VERY EVENING (APRIL 26). MINISTER EXPRESSED PREFERENCE FOR HAVING AGREEMENT SIGNED PRIOR APRIL 30, IF POSSIBLE, AND STATED THAT, IF SEC INFORMATION ON BOEING CASE COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE PRIOR MAY 4, HE IS PREPARED TO TRAVEL PERSONALLY TO WASHINGTON TO OBTAIN IT. IF HIS PRESENCE NOT NECESSARY, HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE GIVEN TO VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR FOR TRANSMISSION TO CARACAS. HE STRESSED SEVERAL TIMES HIS AND THE PRESIDENT'S INTEREST IN HAVING SEC INFORMATION AVAILABLE BY MAY 4.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) THAT DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BE PREPARED TO SIGN AGREEMENT AS SOON AS VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR INDICATES TO STATE DEPARTMENT THAT HE HAS BEEN SO AUTHORIZED. (B) THAT THE SEC INFORMATION BE HANDED OVER TO GOV AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER AGREEMENT SIGNATURE, IDEALLY PRIOR MAY 4.
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